SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Service November 1, 2026

All Saints' Sunday

Worship Leaders: Rev. Effie McAvoy & Sunday School

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Instrumental*

OPENING PRAYER

God, our Teacher, please instruct us in the ways of humility and love. Help us to live in community with one another rather than in competition with each other. Give us your heart for serving our neighbor. Assure us of your abiding presence and release us from the hierarchies of this world. May your kin-dom come with power and gentleness as we strive to live as embodied witnesses of the good news in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Adapted from Cheryl A. Lindsay

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MUSIC "For All the Saints" UMH No. 711

Please stand in body or in spirit

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hollowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

TITHES & OFFERING HTTPS://WWW.SOVUMC.ORG/GIVING

OFFERTORY *"Walk with Me"* *SOV Choir*

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

Please stand in body or in spirit

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CENTERING HYMN **"PEOPLE NEED THE LORD"** **TFWS NO. 2244**

NEW TESTAMENT 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

MESSAGE ***Surrounded by Witnesses*** *Rev. Effie McAvoy*

MUSIC **"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"** **UMH No. 712**

CLOSING PRAYER

POSTLUDE Cathy Clasper-Torch

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Worship @ 9A
SUNDAY SCHOOL (September-May) Sundays, 9AM
Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9AM - Noon

Rev. Effie McAvoy, Pastor, Lisa Marciniak, Family & Children's Ministry Coordinator
Mary Hunter and Megan Crete, Lay Leaders- Cathy Clasper-Torch, Music Leader

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY UMC VISION STATEMENT
We are a multi-generational Christ community seeking to sing God's spirit into the world by inviting all, serving all, loving all.